

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Having seen what has already happened in the radio industry -in which one corporation now owns more than half of all commercial radio stations, thereby stifling competition- I am extremely concerned that a similar series of mega-mergers is about to happen in realm of television and cable T.V. Media-mergers have hurt radio listeners and eliminated much of the diversity of local radio. Please do not allow this to happen again in the field of cable T.V.